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From the Major's Desk

*"Here at the cross,
in this sacred hour,
Here at the source
of reviving power.
Helpless indeed, I come
with my need,
Lord for Thy service,
fit me I plead."*

*Bramwell Coles
(1887-1960)*

This is the season of the cross. It blooms everywhere for a few weeks a year, then it disappears until next spring, to bloom again for a few weeks. For this short season, though, it's the thing to wear or hold on to. We glorify it for a moment, then we forget for a year.

But, the truth is that we need to return to the cross often. Not because our salvation is there,

although without the cross, there would be no salvation. It was merely the instrument of Jesus' death. That alone is reason to return there. Not because there is any power or magic in the cross itself.

We need to return to the cross daily, so that we can nail our sin, our failures, our regrets, and our past to the cross, and leave it there. Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sin, and to make us pure and holy in the sight of God. The Apostle Paul says, in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me." So, we also need to be crucified with Christ.

All this simply means that, on a daily basis, we must surrender all that we are, and hope to be, to Jesus. The cross is simply the instrument by which Jesus surrendered Himself to pay the price for our sin.

As we consider all that Holy Week means, may we ever be able to sing "Here at the cross", or maybe even pray the words of the chorus above, and surrender ourselves into the will of God for us.

God bless you, and Happy Easter!!
Major Harold Poff



April's World Service Basket



Photo Frenzy

Basket Value: \$115.00

Minimum Bid: \$35.00

Items in April's Basket

- Gently used Panasonic Lumix DMC-LS80 Digital Camera
- 4 AA Batteries
- SD Picture Card
- Camera Bag
- 3 4x6 Photo Frames
- 1 4x6 Photo Book



You will be able to take your own 'selfie'.

Information about the camera

- 8.1-megapixel CCD captures enough detail for photo-quality
- 3x optical zoom; 2.5-inch LCD screen
- Advanced Optical Image Stabilization and Intelligent ISO
- Manual Selection Dial to Aperture Priority, Shutter Priority and full manual control
- Capture images to SD card; powered by AA batteries

The last day to bid for this basket is Sunday, April 27, 2014. Think of all the great pictures you can take this summer with this camera. All proceeds support Salvation Army Missionaries.

Indiana Divisional Women's Camp



Women's Camp at Hidden Falls Camp
May 16-18, 2014
for women ages 18-98

Early Bird Registration is due April 25, 2014
\$60.00

Last Call Registration is due May 1, 2014
\$80.00



Opportunities in April/May
Wednesday evening programs beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- April 16:** Fill Easter Eggs
- April 23:** Worship- Sonja Bailey
- April 30:** Stormy Weather- Disaster Preparedness- Major Lynnetta Poff
- May 7:** Mother's Day- Major O'Dell
- May 14:** Funeral Plans- Sonja Bailey

Queen of Charities Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

As of the first of April, Queen of Charities contestants have raised \$6,000 through their pre-registration mini-fundraisers.

Another delicious mini fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, April 30th to raise money for The Salvation Army. For a donation of \$5.00, your lunch will include Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, one roll and choice of chocolate chip or sugar cookie. Additional sides of rolls, chocolate chip or sugar cookies will be available for a donation of \$1.00. Dine in and Carry out is available from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. (quantities limited)

Donations are due when you order please. Carry out is available within Allen County for ten orders or more. You may pre-order your lunch by calling Jama Smith (260) 744-2311 or by email: Jama_Smith@usc.salvationarmy.org



for the Queen of Charities Pageant



Picture of the Chicago Staff Band when they performed at the Fort Wayne Corps on Saturday, March 15th.

See who you helped at Christmas



You don't often get to see who your time and dollars benefit, but here's a small glimpse:

Sunny is pictured with Santa at Riley Hospital.

Amere Crawford a.k.a. Sunny age two in November was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) August 7, 2013, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sunny has proven to be a fighter and too tough for cancer.

We had the honor of assisting Sunny's family during Christmas and were inspired by this little man's fight and message of hope. His mother, Andrea, has given us permission to share his name, story and picture to further the cause and his fight.

Leukemia cells returned in his spinal fluid in November 2013. He returned to Riley for a month of chemotherapy. Doctors said this was very rare for him to relapse so soon; only 3% have done so and it only shows in the spine. Sunny completed his rounds of radiation on April 1, 2014, and his spinal fluid is FREE OF CANCER.

As I said, you don't often see the good that you've done...but it is there in ways you can't imagine. The family thanked everyone for their prayers and asked for your continued support as he still has a way to go in his battle.

(For more info, check out Sunny's Facebook page at Team Sunny Too Tough For Cancer.)

Jama Smith
 Resource Development Director

Sack lunches



I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation. 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.'

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.' His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.'

She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him.'

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best-beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of the plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is your thanks.'

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked, I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand.

With a booming voice he said, 'I was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane so

I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.'

Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'citizens of United States' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.'

Reprinted from an E-Mail

How you can serve our veterans through The Salvation Army



Captain Cindy Hoag, left, and Roxanne Albrecht distribute valentines made by elementary school students to the veterans.

Many of us want to thank our veterans and let them know how much we appreciate their service, but you may not know how to help.

The Salvation Army serves hundreds of thousands of veterans in need. The ministry of The Salvation Army for veterans has grown from serving coffee and donuts during WWI to providing various programs of comfort and cheer.

The services we render to the veterans depend upon the needs of the veterans' facility where we serve. There are many opportunities for volunteers to serve at the VA Northern Health Care System Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Volunteers serve coffee and take veterans to their appointments within the hospital, drive

courtesy shuttles in the parking lot, do administrative work, volunteer in the pharmacy or drive veterans to appointments within the city or to other clinics.

Volunteers must attend a four hour training, complete a background check and take a TB test. If you are interested in this gratifying volunteer opportunity, please call Roxanne Albrecht, (260) 744-2311 or email at Roxanne_Albrecht@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Currently, our veterans are in need of new sweats, sizes Medium-XXL, socks, underwear and gas cards. Bring these to The Salvation Army, 2901 N. Clinton Street and we will deliver them to the VA Hospital. We can give you a receipt for your taxes.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAY

4:30 pm Band
5:00 pm Theory and Singing Company
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Praise Team
7:00 pm Women's Ministry

THURSDAY

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)
6:00-7:00 pm Corps Cadets (September through May)

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (call for more information)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.

“Return Service Requested”

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



*Please join us as we
commemorate
Christ's death and
celebrate His resurrection*

- April 18, 2014 **Good Friday Service** 7:00pm
- April 20, 2014 **Easter Sunrise Service** 8:30am
- Breakfast** 9:00am
- United Sunday School** 9:45am
- Easter Worship Service** 10:45am

*All of the services listed above will be held at
The Salvation Army
2901 North Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN*



*Spring is a great time to empty
your closet!*

Please bring in your gently used shoes
from March 26-April 23, 2014, for a
Youth Councils Fundraiser
A barrel is in back of the sanctuary.

